

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A recording medium comprising a substrate and an ink-receiving layer provided on the substrate, wherein the ink-receiving layer essentially consists of a binder and an alumina hydrate obtained through a quenching step and having a boehmite structure and a flat plate form, an average particle thickness of ~~2-6~~ 3.0 to ~~6-8~~ 5.0 nm and a crystallite size of 5.0 to 8.0 nm in a direction of a (020) plane, the crystallite size in the direction of a (020) plane being greater than the average particle thickness by at least 1 nm, and the recording medium has a degree of parallelization of 30 to 1,000.

2. (Original) The recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the degree of parallelization is 50 to 800.

3. (Previously Presented) The recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the maximum peak in the pore radius distribution of the ink-receiving layer is present within a range of from 5.0 to 10.0 nm, and the pore volume thereof is within a range of from 0.35 to 1.0 cm³/g.

4. (Original) The recording medium according to Claim 1, which has a porous layer on the ink-receiving layer.

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